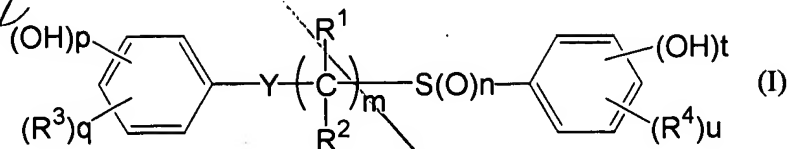


What is claimed is:

1. Phenol compounds represented by a general formula (I);



wherein R^1 and R^2 represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,

m represents an integer of 1 to 6,

n represents an integer of 0 to 2,

p and t represent an integer of 0 to 3, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R^3 and R^4 nitro, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxy carbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl),

q and u represent an integer of 0 to 2,

R^3 and R^4 may be different to each other when q and u are 2,

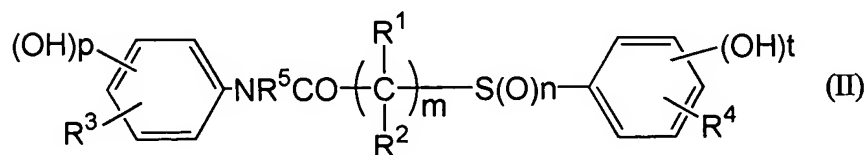
Y represents CO or NR^5CO ,

R^5 represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl,

with proviso that p is 1 when Y is CO , and

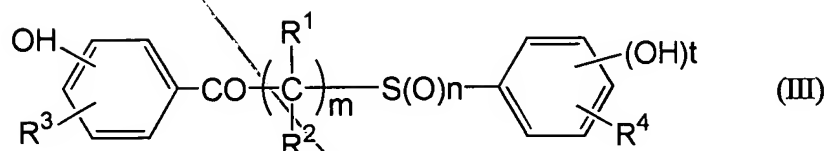
n is not 0 when p is 0 and Y is NR^5CO .

2. Phenol compounds represented by a general formula (II);



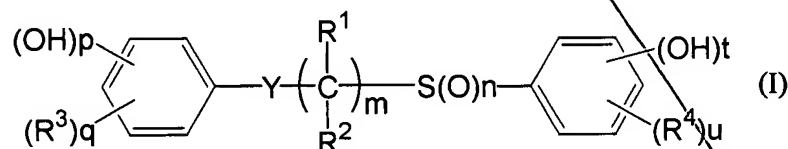
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , m , n , p and t are as defined above, with proviso that p and t may be 0.

3. Phenol compounds represented by a general formula (III);



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , m , n and t are as defined above, with proviso that t may be 0.

4. A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (I)



wherein R^1 and R^2 represent hydrogen or C1-C6 alkyl,
 m represents an integer of 1 to 6,
 n represents an integer of 0 to 2,
 p and t represent an integer of 0 or 1, with proviso that p and t never be 0, concurrently,

R^3 and R^4 represent hydrogen, hydroxy, carboxyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkoxy, C1-C6 alkoxy-carbonyl, sulfamoyl, phenylsulfamoyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl, di(C1-C6 alkylsulfamoyl), carbamoyl, phenylcarbamoyl, C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl or di(C1-C6 alkylcarbamoyl),

q and u represent an integer of 1 to 2, and

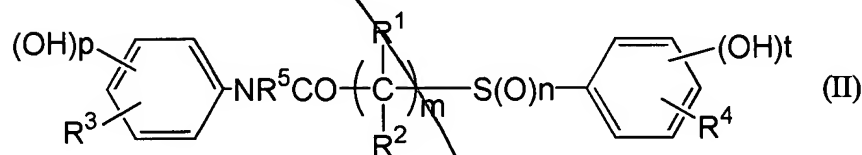
R^3 and R^4 may be different to each other when q and u are 2,

Y represents CO or NR^5CO ,

R^5 represents hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, optionally-substituted phenyl or optionally-substituted benzyl,

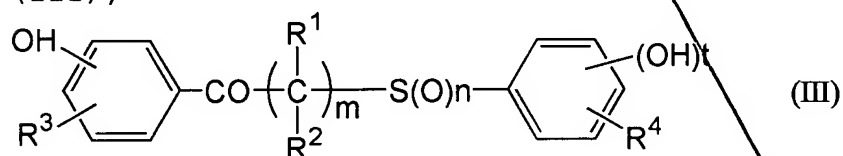
with proviso that p is 1 and R^3 is not hydroxy when Y is CO , and n and t are not 0 when p is 0 and Y is NR^5CO .

5. A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (II);



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , m , n , p and t are as defined above, with proviso that p and t may be 0.

6. A recording material containing a color forming dye characterized in that the recording material comprises at least one of the phenol compounds represented by a general formula (III);



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , m , n and t are as defined above, with proviso that t may be 0.